



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q59736

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Appln. No.: 09/750,673

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Examiner: Fred O. FERRIS III

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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR GENERATING A VIRTUAL MODEL OF AN
INSTALLATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant makes the following comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner's statement should not be misinterpreted as meaning that the identified combination is the only reason for patentability of the claims. The Examiner alleges that all the features of independent claims are individually disclosed the prior art. Moreover, the Examiner alleges that certain combination of elements set forth in the claims are rendered obvious. The Examiner further emphasizes that it is the combination of the memories with the evaluation control unit that renders the claims unobvious in view the prior art of record. Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims and the dependent claims include various other aspects which provide a separate basis for patentability. The Examiner's statement

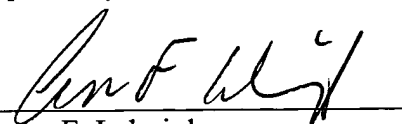
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emphasizes certain aspects of the claims, but each claim should be interpreted using its own precise language, without inferring any particular emphasis from the Examiner's statement.

The Examiner's statement should not be interpreted as identifying patentable features in any of the claims. The claims are carefully written to precisely define the bounds of the invention, and persons reading these remarks hereafter should note that any difference between the Examiner's comments and the language of the claims should be resolved by recourse to only the express language of the claims.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application." Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated January 10, 2006.

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